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In re PCT International Application of:)
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SCHILDER, Johannes, Gerardus, Maria)
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Int. Appl No.: PCT/EP2004/053148)
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Int. Filing Date: 29 November 2004)
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SPRAY RING AND REACTOR VESSEL)
PROVIDED WITH SUCH A SPRAY RING AND A)
METHOD OF WETTING CHAR AND/OR SLAG IN)
A WATER BATH) 25 May 2006

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Please replace the abstract with the abstract following: